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SUBJECT: ISRAELI SECURITY BARRIER DEMARCHE DELIVERED:
TURKEY AGAINST THE WALL

REF: STATE 150763

(U) Classified by Polcounselor John Kunstadter; reasons: 1.5
(b,d).

(C) On July 15, Poloff delivered reftel demarche to Turkish MFA Middle East Department Head Kemal Tuzun. Tuzun replied that although MFA has not yet reviewed the draft, Turkey will likely vote in favor of the UNGA resolution. When pressed to explain why Turkey is moving from abstention on the previous vote, Tuzun retreated to vague legalisms, then cited 3 main factors in the decision: 1) a wall will not contribute to peace in the Middle East; 2) a need to harmonize with European governments' policies as Turkey pursues EU candidacy; and 3) Turkey's new-found responsibility as holder of the OIC Secretary Generalship.

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